

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-2012-0001
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY  
FILED AUGUST 17, 2012**

(Issued August 21, 2012)

On August 17, 2012, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for confidential treatment of MidAmerican's monthly management report for July 2012, which was filed on August 17. Subrule 199 IAC 26.5(5)"e"(10) requires that a utility file monthly management reports during the pendency of a rate proceeding. The information for which confidential treatment is sought includes electric supply data, consolidated financial statements, and other financial information. MidAmerican supported the request for confidentiality with an affidavit by a corporate officer and the material for which confidentiality was requested was filed separately. MidAmerican cited Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 22.7(6) (2011) as authority for confidential treatment of the data.

MidAmerican claims the information is a report to a governmental agency that, if released, would give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose and, therefore, should be held confidential pursuant to § 22.7(6). MidAmerican states that release of the electric supply data and financial information contained in the monthly management report could adversely affect security and harm its competitive position.

The information in question qualifies as a report to a government agency. Based upon the information supplied by MidAmerican, release of such information serves no public purpose. Therefore, the Board will hold the information confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6).

The filed information may also be confidential as a trade secret pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 550.2(4). However, because the Board finds the information should be held confidential under § 22.7(6), the Board does not reach the question of whether the information is a trade secret or a communication not required by law.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The request for confidentiality filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on August 17, 2012, is granted.
2. The filed information shall be held confidential by the Board subject to the provisions of 199 IAC 1.9(8)"b"(3).

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Darrell Hanson

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Swati A. Dandekar

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2012.